

Testimony
House Appropriations Committee
House Bill 2703

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Chairman Ryckman and members of the House Appropriations Committee:

The provisions of HB 2703 will have a potential impact on Kansas State University. Currently the University has several construction projects underway on the campus. Each of these projects, regardless of funding source, have been authorized by the Kanas Board of Regents and the Kansas Legislature. The University has no concern about pursuing this path for projects in the future.

The impact for the institution could be one of timing, specifically if bonding or state funding is not requested. A project may only require the university to seek Board of Regents approval. This Board meets nearly year round and can review and approve projects in a timely manner. Waiting until the Kansas Legislature is in session could impair the University's forward progress on projects potentially costing money, time or a donor contribution. This concern might be mitigated by placing thresholds in statute and in policy.

The University believes the process works today and will continue to approach any building or renovation project in the same manner.